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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Wei SHAO et al.

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For: ISOLATED HUMAN DRUG-METABOLIZING PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING HUMAN DRUG-METABOLIZING PROTEINS, AND USES THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to a restriction requirement issued by Examiner Schnizer on October 2, 2003. Filed herewith is a request for a two-month extension of time.

By way of response, Applicants hereby elect claim group III, claims 4, 5, 8-11, 13, 22 and 23 directed to nucleic acid molecules, vectors, host cells, etc., for examination and have canceled claims corresponding to the non-elected groups I-II, IV and V-X.